

Items, General and Personal, Of Interest to G. P. O. Workers

The funeral services over the remains of Charles W. Otis were held at his residence on Tuesday evening last, and the large attendance of his former friends and fellow-workmen was evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.



JOSEPH J. BIRMINGHAM, Vice president I. P. O. A. U.

Dr. Harry Schildroth, of the night proof force, thinks Bob Groom is going to be Washington's best pitcher this year.

At the United Brethren Church, North Capitol and B streets (frequently spoken of as the "printer's church"), the Sunday school offerings for Easter amounted to \$200.51, and the church offering \$1,332.

The opening game on Wednesday caught the office fans with a rush. Many who said in the morning that no exhibition game would do for them were begging off at 12 o'clock, and at 2:30 o'clock some of the divisions were almost completely deserted.

The many friends of Eddie Handboe were glad to see him get the chance to demonstrate that he is a competent umpire, and hope it will not be long ere he is drafted into one of the big leagues.

Reader George Graham was called away on Tuesday by the death of a brother-in-law down in Virginia.

Tom Jones, president of the Indiana State Club, is rehearsing a new and original version of the "Destructive Skullduggery" for the next entertainment of that organization, which will occur about the middle of this month, and for which several other enjoyable features are promised.

Joe Miller, chief of the plate vault, telling recently of his first experience in the G. P. O., said: "I well remember my first 'call down,' which came from none other than the present Deputy Public Printer, Capt. Brian. One memorable winter night, when all hands were bustling like blue blazes, there being an unusual flood of bills, I was industriously searching through the galley racks for a misplaced pair of tweezers. Along came the captain, then foreman of printing, who took in the situation at a glance. The cap'n had a way of coming around at times when the boys wished he'd be a thousand miles away. Anytime he elevated his monocle and remarked in that famous dry drawl, 'Well, young man, hadn't you better get a search warrant?' The cap'n has doubtless long ago forgotten the incident, and I haven't reminded him, either."

The Patent Office has 15,963 applications for patents awaiting final action to date.

Comrade Briscoe Goodheart, of the bindery, enjoyed the past week putting in some early planting on his Virginia farm.

Frank E. Buckland, of the time keeper's office of the Government Printing Office, will give an interesting talk on his travels in foreign lands before the Men's Club of the Church of the Good Shepherd, corner of Sixth and G streets northeast, on Monday night, April 4. An interesting musical programme has also been arranged, so that a thoroughly enjoyable evening is assured to all who attend.

Howard L. Montague has announced his candidacy for delegate to the international convention from Washington Pressmen's Union, the election occurring on the 21st of this month.

At the final feast of the G. A. R. Oyster Club, held at Schmidt's, Capt. William H. Bailey, the president, introduced L. H. Patterson as toastmaster. A patriotic song by Comrade Williamson, of the document section, was the feature of the evening.

The number of office visitors during Holy Week was so great that it was hardly a let-up for a moment during the hours allotted sightseers, and the guide force had to be increased to accommodate them.

William M. Dawson (Wild Bill) has resigned his position as a linotype operator and will return to the Pacific Coast.

Norman E. McPhail recently resigned the presidency of Boston Typographical Union to engage in the practice of law at Los Angeles, Cal.

Reviser John D. Ligon has a son who is showing marked promise as a member of the Eastern High ball team.

George P. Christie, formerly an employee of the office, now labor editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, was a welcome visitor on Monday last, and met many old friends.

Mrs. D. V. Fenton, whose death occurred early in the week, was the widow of a well-known printer, and the mother of Matt and Will Fenton, members of Washington Pressmen's Union.

Chris Ward, of the linotype force, celebrated his birthday on Tuesday last, and confesses to fifty-eight, but John Rankin and Chauncey McClure contend that Chris was a staunch unionist in Indianapolis during the Lincoln campaign.

One hundred and fifty-four members of New York Typographical Union, No. 6, are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Westchester County, in the plot owned by Big Six.

Albert Reid, chief reviser of the night proofroom force, will sail from San Francisco April 12 for Manila to accept a position in the government printing office there. The G. P. O. loses one of its most valuable men in the departure of Al Reid, and everybody who knows him will wish him all the success he deserves.

result of an examination held by the Civil Service Commission.

Richard J. Quigley, son of Frank T. Quigley, of the monotype section, attorney and counselor-at-law, is a member of all the courts of the District of Columbia and Supreme Court of the United States; also commissioner for Porto Rico.

Chairman Phil Nachman has abandoned the idea of having a minstrel first part to be maintained to be given for the benefit of Columbia 101 Athletic Association, and the programme will be composed entirely of vaudeville acts, for which some of the best talent in the District have volunteered, to conclude with dancing for the young folks.

Harold B. Sweet, stenographer in the purchasing division, and Miss Mary E. Sheridan were united in marriage Easter Monday by Rev. John J. Keane. The ceremony took place at St. Aloysius' parsonage, after which the happy couple left by boat for Norfolk, where they are enjoying their honeymoon.

The following temporary compositors in the document section were dropped from the rolls during the week: James F. Small, Frank C. Braddock, James F. Stewart, George Berry, Samuel W. Taylor, George C. Huber, John H. Saunders, Timothy Donahue, Mansfield E. Bryant, and Joseph Gerard.

Encouraging reports have been received from Edgar J. Dwight, who is still at Sibley Hospital.

On Thursday last, in one of the bindery divisions, one of the male employees was taken suddenly ill, and one of the women somehow conceived the idea that his arm had been amputated by a cutting machine and ran to the foreman with word to that effect. Another woman who heard it fainted, the foreman telephoned to the office hospital, there was a rush of the ambulance to the scene of the supposed disaster, and the calamity proved to be simply a pain in the stomach.

CHURCH SOCIAL GIVEN. The First Methodist Protestant Church gave a social on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the church. It was held at Friendship House, the southeast social center. A large number of the friends of the church enjoyed a most delightful musical and literary programme, including the following numbers:

Piano solo, Miss Talbert; recitation, Miss Mabel Blanchard; solo, Miss Stella Raymond, accompanied by Miss Hoyt; recitation, Miss Mary Wilkerson; solo, W. S. Blanchard; piano duet, Misses Besse and Grace Worsley; solo, Miss A. Betts; recitation, Master Lawrence Hegelman; reading, Herman Welch.

WOMEN INSPECT CLUBHOUSE. The Commercial Club, on Lafayette square, held a ladies' day reception yesterday afternoon at their handsome home, and for the first time the establishment was thrown open to wives, daughters, sisters, and friends of prominent business men who are members.

A committee of the board of governors acted as guides, and during the day more than 200 visitors were shown through the clubhouse. During the afternoon the Washington Symphony Orchestra played classic and popular music. Tea was served informally in the drawing room.

WORK OF JOHNNY'S TEARS. Lad Enjoys Afternoon of Sport by Weeping at the Right Time.

Johnny Harrison, who lives on Park road northwest, had the time of his life a few days ago, and the whole Harrison family were plunged into much gloom for a few hours, during which time the Harrisons believed that their Johnny had been lost or kidnapped.

Johnny evolved a deep scheme at the lunch table, and slipping away as soon as he had devoured the last crumb of dessert, went sailing around to Fourteenth street where there are a string of moving picture shows. He stood in front of one of them for several moments, working up a face of despondent lineaments and finally brought a climax in the shape of a torrent of tears. He bawled, and rubbed his fists into his eyes, and made his cheeks red by rubbing his rough cloth cap upon them.

The tears were falling at a great rate and Johnny was sniffling with heart-broken emphasis. Finally the ticket taker asked him what was the matter. "Boo-hoo," was all Johnny could say. "What's wrong, kid?" asked the ticket taker again.

Just then a prosperous-looking young fellow stepped up to buy a ticket, and Johnny bellowed out: "My sis-sis-sis-ter is-boo-hoo-inside there and me mudder's sick and like to die, and sister's been in there for an hour an' I ain't got a nickel to go in an' fetch her out."

And the prosperous-looking young man showed himself a sport and bought Johnny a ticket. Whereupon Johnny went inside, carefully searching for his sister. He did not find her after all, so having seen the show twice he went out.

There was another moving picture show almost next door, and Johnny, having replenished his stock of tears stood bawling in front of the door. The tears trickled down his face and made him a pitiable sight. He seemed stricken with the most awful childish grief. Finally when a kind citizen took Johnny by the hand and asked him the trouble Johnny culped several times and swallowed very hard and informed the kind citizen that his little brother was lost and he was sure that little brother was inside the show, and yet being without funds he could not go inside. And it worked again. For a solid hour Johnny sat in the show gazing at the moving films, evidently expecting to find his lost brother depicted on the screen. But finding no trace of him, Johnny went out, and stopped again in front of a third show.

Johnny had still plenty of tears and used them to good advantage. This time he told the ticket taker that his mother was inside and that the baby had buried himself, terribly, and the baby's little sis-

M. C. CLASS GIVES BANQUET.

Event Marks Conclusion of Sunday School Interest Contest.

An enjoyable occasion was a banquet given by M. C. class of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Sunday school in the basement of the church on Friday evening. It marked the conclusion of a contest for the purpose of stimulating interest in class work. The room was decorated in the class colors, yellow and gray, a profusion of cut flowers and potted plants adding to the effect.

After the banquet a brief address was made by the class teacher, Charles A. Bell. A beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to the captain of the victorious "Greeks," A. K. Wimer, who responded in a happy manner. He was followed by E. S. Frazier, captain of the defeated "Trojans," who congratulated the winners. Rev. J. M. Gill, pastor of the church, gave a few words of commendation and counsel to the class.

A piano and violin duet was given by Ralph Wolfe and Creswell Young. Percy C. Bowen gave a number of humorous readings. Musical selections were rendered by E. B. Corning and a vocal solo by William A. Yates. The ladies' committee in charge of the banquet consisted of Miss Estelle Crump and Mesdames H. L. Frazier, E. A. Ruff, G. A. Lovett, and C. A. Bell. Among the out-of-town guests were R. E. Hall, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Richard Snow, of Durham, N. C., and W. A. Yates, of Bloomington.

CONSERVATION IS FAVORED. American Pen Women Present Resolutions for Forestry Committee.

The League of American Pen Women, at its recent meeting, adopted the following resolutions in favor of the conservation of our forests, which were forwarded and presented in behalf of the forestry committee by Mrs. Annie A. Wilder, one of its members:

Resolved, That the conservation movement is a most laudable one, and that the conservation of our forests is absolutely necessary for the common weal; that the governmental policy which protects the private individual is harmful to the public welfare; that there should be such supervision and wise regulation of our forests as shall insure wise use and prevent waste or wanton destruction.

Resolved, That all members of the League of American Pen Women will support in every way the measures to be taken by the government of the United States to ensure conservation of its natural resources, and this association approves of the governmental policy which is protecting the forests of the West, and urges its extension to include the East.

Resolved, That this league favors the sending of petitions to Congress praying for the carrying out of the project of the Appalachian-White Mountain national forest, and petitions to the several State legislatures asking the establishment of State forests; the passage of strict fire laws adequately enforced, and equitable and just tax laws on forest lands.

Resolved, That this league shall appoint a member in every State to assist in organizing conservation work to be carried on in such State, and to propagate such knowledge as shall instruct the people along determinate lines.

Resolved, That this league recommends that instruction upon the subject of conservation be given in the public schools of the land.

Resolved, That this league pledges its cooperation and sympathetic aid in such work as will make this an enduring republic throughout all the ages.

INDIANA CIRCLE IN SESSION. Delightful Musical Programme by Members of Christian Church.

The Indiana Circle of Vermont Avenue Christian Church held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James I. Parker, formerly of Tipton.

After a short business session Mrs. Carey Frye, formerly of Indianapolis, read a paper on "Indiana's educational institutions." She gave a brief description of the school system of the State, and of the several boards and officials through which it is administered. She also described the various colleges, uni-

versities, and schools, and of many of the State's eminent educators.

Two solos, "Shadows" and "Absence," were delightfully sung by Miss Milliken, of New Castle.

Master Carroll Bone gave a piano solo, Margery Fouts a recitation, and Master Robert and Marguerite Bone a duet.

After a general response on current events dainty refreshments were served. The dining-room was beautiful in its decorations of Easter flowers.

Those present were Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Scott, C. Bone, Mrs. Baughman, Miss Anna Brown, Mrs. Lee Chew, Mrs. Lincoln Dixon, Mrs. Day, Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, Mrs. Carey Frye, Mrs. E. J. Fouts, Mrs. J. Heap, Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. E. Lattimore, Miss Mary Lattimore, Mrs. James I. Parker, Mrs. Claude I. Parker, Miss Milliken, Mrs. Ransdell, Mrs. C. N. Spencer, Mrs. Worth, and Masters Carroll and Robert Bone, and the Misses Margery Fouts, Marguerite Bone, Frances Lattimore, and Arlene Parker.

HONORS FOR ROOSEVELT

European Nations Will Vie in Paying Fitting Homage to Great American.

By RUDOLPH DE ZAPP.

America may well feel proud of the manner in which one of her own sons is being honored by emperors, kings, and all the nations of the world, and it may be said in this connection that no private citizen of the United States has ever been the recipient of greater honors than are now bestowed upon Col. Theodore Roosevelt, wherever his itinerary takes him.

Never before in the history of peace of this country has such close attention been paid by the whole universe to the utterances of a single private individual, as the world is now paying to those which the former President chooses to make. Never before has royal etiquette and customs received such a setback as at this time. Etiquette and customs at the courts of sovereigns the world over are observed with traditional sacredness and to deviate therefrom even in the slightest detail is regarded by those bound by it with a feeling bordering on sacrilege.

History records but few instances where etiquette and tradition were thrown to the winds, and when this occurred it was done to gain the good will and favors of those higher in power for whose convenience the change was effected.

In the case of Col. Roosevelt etiquette as prevailing at royal courts is a mere bauble. With true American independence he does not regard himself as a subject of forms and formulas. The doughty colonel is everywhere so much in demand that he can well afford to "dictate his own terms." Exceptions are readily granted in his favor and customs are changed to suit his convenience. It is by who determines the hour of the audiences which royalty is anxious to grant him, but which in fact he grants to royalty. It is he who determines the programme which has been arranged in his honor by pope, emperor, king, and society. It is he who selects the stopping places, and instead of his suggestions receiving the sanction of the courts which he has been asked to honor with his visit, it is the plain American private citizen who either approves or disapproves the imperial or royal programme. It is Roosevelt and America who is the king of kings.

What is the cause of all this? Is there an idea abroad that Mr. Roosevelt on his return to this country will proclaim himself emperor of the United States? Has the notion taken root upon foreign soil that the mighty hunter entertains ambitions to again occupy the White House? Nothing of the sort. The world has long ago recognized that Col. Roosevelt is one of the strongest and most popular men in the United States and therefore wields a powerful influence on public opinion. The world furthermore recognizes that he is in the prime of manhood, with many years before him which he will exploit as only he can.

And last, but not least, and that seems to be the solution of the whole question, emperors, kings, nations, and peoples recognize that with Roosevelt as friend they would have a worthy champion at the American court of public opinion whenever occasion arose. It is to gain the friendship and good will of this great American and that of the country which gave him birth that the potentates and anointed of the Lord are bending their knees and are breaking precedents and setting rules of etiquette at naught.

It is a shrewd and a good move. Whether or not Mr. Roosevelt has any political ambitions for the future, those abroad who are honoring him are thereby honoring the United States, and the result of this royal pagantry in honor of "Our Own Teddy" is a better understanding among nations, the strengthening of the ties which bind humanity into one common brotherhood, and universal peace.

The strenuous European programme of Col. Roosevelt begins this Tuesday, when the King of Italy will dine the American at the Quirinal Palace in Rome. This is an honor heretofore conferred on kings only. The day will include military reviews, and inspection of the government art treasures and probably a gala performance at the royal opera house. Mr. Roosevelt will not make any address in Rome. Although the time of the year in which Queen Helena grants audiences is now over, she gladly made an exception for the wife of the ex-President of the United States. The Dowager Queen Margherita has also made an exception, as she is very anxious to receive the President.

On Wednesday Col. Roosevelt will have an audience with Pius X at the Vatican. The Pope, as a rule, fixes the dates of the audience himself even if the applicants happen to be prominent Americans. In the case of Roosevelt, however, the Vatican officials obligingly waived the rule and granted an audience on the date he himself suggested, thus making a special concession. Col. Roosevelt will go to the Vatican accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and all the members of his family and party. Pius X has expressed a desire to see them all. There will be nothing ceremonious. No guards of honor will line the staircase, courtyard, and anteroom to the Pope's apartments. Bishop Kennedy, the rector of the American College, will escort the party and will act as interpreter. The Pope does not speak French well, and he would therefore be unable to understand Mr. Roosevelt. The conversation will be conducted in Italian.

After the audience, the Roosevelt party will be greeted by the American who holds an important position there, Father J. G. Hagan, late of the Georgetown University observatory and now director of that of the Vatican. The American ex-President will not be required to follow all the complicated etiquette prescribed for the rulers of countries which are Catholic or which have representatives to both the Quirinal and Vatican, for these rules are severe. The ruler, sovereign, or president is not permitted to go to the Vatican from what may be called Italian soil, but must go to the embassy or legation of his own country and thus start from foreign land, as it were, and he must not drive in court carriages.

All the members of the Roosevelt party will receive at the hands of the Pope his blessing and some magnificent pieces of art, the product of the Vatican workshops. Of course, Roosevelt is neither a Catholic, nor is he a ruler. That being the case he is not expected to pay his respects to the Pope first and the King afterward. Catholics are not received by the Pope if they visit Rome in an official capacity.

From Rome and Italy the ex-President and his party will travel by easy stages to Berlin, where the German Emperor and the whole city of Berlin is prepared to give him the greatest welcome the American has ever had. Preparations for Roosevelt's arrival at the capital of the German empire have been going on for over a year. He will be the guest of Kaiser Wilhelm April 12, 13, 14, and 15, and the latter insists that the American stay at one of the imperial castles during his sojourn in Berlin. This is a distinction, which, it is said, has never before been bestowed upon an unofficial person, except Count Zeppelin, the German aviator. The Kaiser personally invited Col. Roosevelt without consulting Ambassador Hill who was completely astonished to find his guest thus appropriated by his majesty.

With regard to the report that Mr. Roosevelt will be the personal guest of the Emperor at one of his castles, it can be stated from the best authority at this time, that the American will not accept the invitation, as its acceptance would deprive his visit of its private character. The former President engaged rooms at the Adlon some time ago. This is a magnificent marble palace, situated on Unter den Linden, Berlin's most beautiful thoroughfare. It served as a home for Ambassador and Mrs. David Jayne Hill up to recently and it was at the Adlon where they made their official bow to Berlin official and residential society. The Adlon is a special protegee of the German Emperor, if such can be said of a hotel, his majesty taking the deepest interest in its construction and honoring it with his presence when it was opened to the public. The Adlon is the home and center of American society and wealthy tourists from the United States. It is there where all the great American functions are held. President Roosevelt will not be a stranger at this hostelry, as Louis Adlon, the son of Lorenz Adlon, the proprietor of the place, on his tour of this country, a couple of years ago paid a visit to President Roosevelt at his acquaintance. It was then that Mr. Adlon invited the President to make the Adlon his headquarters while in Berlin, and Roosevelt promised he would. If, notwithstanding every plan, there should occur a change in the programme and Mr. Roosevelt should decide to stay at one of the Kaiser's palaces, the Adlon cuisine will be requested to do the cooking for the American. The Adlon has made a specialty of American dishes and especially of those of which Roosevelt is fond. From the foregoing it may be well taken care of while in Berlin under the aegis of the Emperor.

The lecture which Col. Roosevelt is to deliver at the University of Berlin in German is awaited with a great deal of curiosity and already German newspapers are making guesses and conjecturing as regards its effect on the rest of the world. But there will be more than this lecture. There will be a grand military review, notably cavalry maneuvers at Tegel, where the Zeppelins, the Parafalls, the Gross and other flying craft of the German army will assemble and demonstrate defensive and offensive movements. These martial performances will be witnessed by their imperial majesties who will interrupt their imperial day at Homburg and return to their capital to entertain the distinguished American, the imperial princess, their wives and suites, kings, princes and members of the nobility and Berlin's diplomatic world and aristocracy.

Another great function to be given in honor of Col. Roosevelt will be a "Riesen Kommerz," or giant smoker by the alumni and student body of the German capital at which the emperor and the imperial princess, being alumni of Bonn, will participate, and at which Roosevelt will be acclaimed by stormy and enthusiastic cries of "Vivat, Floreat, Crescat, Roosevelt!" A gala performance will give the eminent American visitor an idea of German dramatic and operatic art. A visit to the American church and a reception to the Americans at the Adlon with an inspection of the Dom and Reichstagsgebäude, will bring his visit to a close, unless the Emperor should succeed in persuading Mr. Roosevelt to go hunting with him at his lodge at

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On April 22 the party will arrive at Paris where Mr. Roosevelt will be the guest of Ambassador Bacon during his stay at the French capital. On the morning of April 23 he will be received officially by the Societe Sciences, Morales et Politiques, of which he is a member. That same afternoon, Col. Roosevelt will deliver a lecture at the Sorbonne in French, in the presence of President Fallieres, on "The duty of a citizen of a republic," and it may be expected that the American will not be afraid to speak his mind with regard to his attitude to religion, and the church and their influence for civilization and progress. In the evening he will be entertained by the French University at a general reception.